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Sir:

Attached herewith is Exhibit "1" which contains a Curriculum Vitae of Peter
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High School (VWO-B)
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Biological Sciences (Biochemistry, Microbiology)
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Professional training and academic appointments

1988-1992 Research fellow (PhD student)
Unit Molecular Microbiology (Dr. Jan D. A. van Embden), National Institute of
Public Health and Environmental Protection, Bilthoven, The Netherlands
Research subject: Molecular epidemiology and diagnosis of tuberculosis
PhD thesis (February 1992): Repeated DNA sequences of *Mycobacterium
tuberculosis*: molecular characterization and application in diagnosis and
epidemiology of tuberculosis
Prof. Dr. W. P. M. Hoekstra (promotor)
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The Netherlands

1992-1993 Senior scientist of the Armauer Hansen Research Institute (establishment of a
tuberculosis research unit) and associate professor of the Addis Ababa
University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Research subject: Molecular epidemiology and immunology of tuberculosis

1993-present University lecturer, senior scientist and head of the laboratory of Pediatrics
(establishment of a molecular biology research unit), department of Pediatrics,
Sophia Children's Hospital, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Research subject: Bacterial infectious diseases: molecular epidemiology,
molecular pathogenesis and host genetics

2001-present Director Research and Development Bacterial Vaccines, Vaxinostics Ltd.,
Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Teaching experience

1988-present	Coaching of many students (over 20) in 6-12 month research projects
1990-present	Lecturer (one week lectures and practicals) of the yearly International Course on Biotechnology, Immunology and Vaccinology (World Health Organization), Geneva/Lausanne, Switzerland
1993-present	Lectures in Microbiology at various universities in The Netherlands
1993-present	Coaching of PhD students (see below)
1995	Lecturer (one week lectures and practicals) in the International Course on the Molecular Epidemiology of Bacterial Infections (BIOLAC program, United Nations University) Caracas, Venezuela
1997	Lecturer (one week lectures) in the International Course on the Molecular Epidemiology of Bacterial Infections (BIOLAC program, United Nations University) La Habana, Cuba
1998	Lecturer of the Boerhaave Course on Pneumococcal Infections and Pneumococcal Vaccination. Leiden, The Netherlands
1999	Lecturer (one week lectures and practicals) of the International Refresher Course on Biotechnology, Immunology and Vaccinology (World Health Organization), Pune, India
1999	Organizer/lecturer (one week lectures and practicals) of the Biotechnology Course on Bacterial Infectious Diseases (sponsored by the Dutch government), Hanoi, Vietnam
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2001	Lecturer of the Boerhaave Course on Infectious Diseases. Noordwijk, The Netherlands
2002	Organizer/lecturer (one week lectures and practicals) of the Biotechnology Course on Bacterial Infectious Diseases (sponsored by the Dutch government), Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam
2004	Lecturer of the Boerhaave Course on Infectious Diseases. Noordwijk, The Netherlands

Management experience

1993-1998	Acting head of the laboratory of Pediatrics, department of Pediatrics, Sophia Children's Hospital, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
1993-present	Staff member of the department of Pediatrics, Sophia Children's Hospital, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands (Chairman of Pediatrics: Prof.dr. H.A. Büller)
1993-present	Board member of the scientific council of the department of Pediatrics, Sophia Children's Hospital, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
1998-present	Head of the laboratory of Pediatrics, department of Pediatrics, Sophia Children's Hospital, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2000-2001	Secretary of the Dutch Scientific Section on Microbial Pathogenesis
2001-2004	Chairman of the Dutch Scientific Section on Microbial Pathogenesis
2002-2004	Chairman of the scientific board of the Dutch Society for Medical Microbiology

Other activities

1993-present	Reviewer for many international journals, e.g. all ASM Journals, the Journal of Infectious Diseases and Lancet.
1996	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. E.M. Bik (Thesis: Vaccine development and evolution of epidemic <i>Vibrio cholerae</i> strains), University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
1996	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. B. Wieles (Thesis: Thioredoxin and thioredoxin reductase of pathogenic mycobacteria), University of Leiden, The Netherlands

1997	Organizer of the Fourth European Meeting on the Molecular Biology of the Pneumococcus, Lunteren, The Netherlands
1997	Member of the European Commission COST/STD Initiative Expert Panel IX: Vaccines against Tuberculosis
1999-2000	Organizer of the scientific program of the Dutch Scientific Section on Microbial Pathogenesis
2001-2002	Member of the scientific advisory board on universal vaccination against meningococcal serogroup C and pneumococcal disease of the Health Council of the Netherlands
2001-present	Member of the editorial board of Lancet Infectious Diseases
2001	Member of the Jury of the Interbrew-Baillet Health Prize 2001 (Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium)
2001	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. H.J. Wisselink (Thesis: <i>Streptococcus suis</i> infections in pigs)
2002	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. W.B. van Leeuwen (Thesis: Binary typing of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>)
2002	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. K. Lagrou (Thesis: Interaction between <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> and in vitro human nasopharyngeal epithelium)
2002	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. I.H.M. van Loo (Thesis: Vaccine-driven evolution of <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> changes in population structure and strain fitness)
2003	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. A.W. Rijneveld (Thesis: Pneumonia: an investigation of host defense mechanisms)
2003	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. S. van Selm (Thesis: Generation of capsule diversity in <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>)
2003	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. N. de Vries (Thesis: Gene regulation and host adaptation in <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>)
2004	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. P.J.G. Zwijnenburg (Thesis: Local inflammatory response in bacterial meningitis). Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Promotors: Prof.dr. J.J. Roord, Prof.dr. T. van der Poll. Co-promotor: Dr. A.M. van Furth.
2004	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. R.H. Veenhoven (Thesis: Pneumococcal vaccines for acute otitis media). Universiteit Utrecht. Promotors: Prof.dr. A.M. Sanders, Prof.dr. W. Kuis. Co-promotors: Dr. A.G.M. Schilder, Dr. Ir. G.T. Rijkers.
2004	Member of the PhD committee of Dr. J.L. Nouwen (Thesis: Determinants risks & dynamics of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> nasal carriage). Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam. Promotors: Prof.dr. H.A. Verbrugh, Prof.dr. A. Hofman, Prof.dr. A. van Belkum.

PhD theses

Copromotor of Dr. K. Overweg; PhD thesis: *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, molecular epidemiological aspects and the identification of virulence factors (2000; Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

Copromotor of D. Bogaert; PhD thesis: Host-pathogen interaction during *Streptococcus pneumoniae* colonization and infection (2004; Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands)

Memberships

Dutch Scientific Section on Microbial Pathogenesis
Dutch Society for Microbiology
Dutch Society for Medical Microbiology
Dutch Society for Infectious Diseases
American Society for Microbiology

Grants obtained since 1994

Project	Characterization of the role of adhesion in the pathogenesis of infections caused by <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
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Sponsor:	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 177)
Period	1994-1995
Budget	DFL 200,000.-
Project	Molecular epidemiology of infections by <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> in children and adults
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 194)
Period	1995-1996
Budget	DFL 200,000.-
Project	Functional and genetic characterization of adhesins involved in the pathogenesis of infections caused by <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 183)
Period	1995-1998
Budget	DFL 300,000.-
Project	Non-invasive markers for the diagnosis of Asthma in children
Sponsor	Dutch Asthma Foundation (grant no. 94.14)
Period	1995-1998
Budget	DFL 500,000.-
Project	Genetic characterization of drug-resistant <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> in The Netherlands
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 217)
Period	1997-1998
Budget	DFL 200,000.-
Project	Clinical and molecular epidemiological studies of colonization and infection by <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> in children and adults, and molecular pathogenesis of pneumococcal infection studied in animal models
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 268)
Period	Dutch Science Foundation NWO-SGO (grant no. 005)
Budget	1999-2003
	DFL 500,000.- (SSWO)
	DFL 100,000.- (NWO-SGO)
Project	The protease maturation protein Pmp of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> : immune-protective potentials and its role in the pathogenesis of infection
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 297)
Period	2000-2001
Budget	DFL 250,000.-
Project	Identification of transcriptionally regulated virulence factors and regulatory genes using a <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> genome microarray
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 319)
Period	2001-2002
Budget	DFL 200,000.-
Project	Immune protective potential of the putative proteinase maturation protein (PpmA) of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , fase 1
Sponsor	Dutch Science Foundation NWO-STIGON (Grant no. 014-80-114)
Period	2001-2002
Budget	DFL 300,000.-
Project	Identification of signal networks regulating the expression of virulence genes in <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 356)
Period	2002-2005
Budget	€ 250,000.-

Project	Genetic polymorphism within host and pathogen and its relation with infectious diseases and autoimmunity
Sponsor	The Board of the University Hospital Rotterdam (Revolving Fund)
Period	2002-2004
Budget	€ 372,500.-
Project	Development of eradication methods for <i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i> , a major cause of otitis media in children
Sponsor	Sophia Foundation for Medical Research (grant no. 397)
Period	2003-2004
Budget	€ 116,860.-
Project	Immune protective potential of the putative proteinase maturation protein (PpmA) of <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , fase 2
Sponsor	Dutch Science Foundation ZON MW-STIGON (grant no. 014-81-114)
Period	2003-2004
Budget	€ 222,000.-
Project	Development of specific monoclonal antibodies for the prevention of nosocomial infections caused by coagulase-negative staphylococci (CNS) in neonates
Sponsor	Erasmus MC, dept. of Pediatrics
Period	2003-2006
Budget	€ 250,000.-
Project	Development and application of genomic array footprinting in <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , a high-throughput technology for genome-wide identification and analysis of essential genes in bacteria
Sponsor	IOP Genomics (Senter)
Period	2004-2007
Budget	€ 650,000.-
Project	Genomics of host-respiratory virus interactions. Towards novel intervention strategies (VIRGO project)
Sponsor	BISK (Senter)
Period	2005-2008
Budget	€ 440.000.- (postdoc for 4 years + laboratory equipment € 120.000.-)
Project	Genetic polymorphisms in host and pathogen associated with infection: chronic hepatitis C (DITTO project)
Sponsor	European Commission, via Prof.dr. S.W. Schalm
Period	2004-2005
Budget	€ 50.000.-

Patents

The international patent application PCT/NL00/00569 entitled 'Pneumococcal Vaccines' has been filed August 14, 2000. A novel patent application, titled 'Method for selecting and producing vaccine components and vaccines based thereon' has been filed May 16, 2003. These patent applications comprise techniques used in the identification of surface-associated pneumococcal proteins, as well as pneumococcal surface proteins and their therapeutic potential.

Publications in international peer-reviewed journals

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Tonnaer E.L., G.T. Rijkers, J.F. Meis, C.H. Klaassen, D. Bogaert, P.W.M. Hermans, and J.H. Curfs. Genetic relationship between pneumococcal populations originating from nasopharynx, adenoid and tympanic cavity in children with otitis media. Submitted to JID

Menges, T., P.W.M. Hermans, S. G. Little, T. Langefeld, M. Kostrzewa, J. Engel, J. Mühling, K. Weismüller, J. Stricker, E. Nieuwenhuis, M. Emonts, R. de Groot, and G. Hempelmann. Genetic polymorphisms as early predictors for the outcome of severely injured trauma patients. Submitted to Am. J. Respir. Crit. Care Med.

Hays J.P., R. Gorkink, T. Hoogenboezem, G. Simons, K. Eadie, P.W.M. Hermans, C.M. Verduin, H. Verbrugh, and A. van Belkum. Complement resistant and complement sensitive isolates within the *Moraxella catarrhalis* species actually represent two distinct subspecies. Submitted to App. Env. Microbiol.

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Bogaert, D., R.H. Veenhoven, R. Ramdin, I.H.T. Luijendijk, G.T. Rijkers, E.A.M. Sanders, R. de Groot, and P.W.M. Hermans. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccination does not induce persisting mucosal IgA response in children with recurrent acute otitis media. Vaccine, accepted for publication.

Bogaert, D., R.H. Veenhoven, M. Sluijter, W.J.W. Wannet, G.T. Rijkers, T.J. Mitchell, S.C. Clarke, W.H.F. Goessens, A.G. Schilder, E.A.M. Sanders, R. de Groot, and P.W.M. Hermans. 2005. Molecular epidemiology of pneumococcal colonization in response to pneumococcal conjugate vaccination in children with recurrent acute otitis media. J. Clin. Microbiol. 43:74-83.

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